



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

Funds are available in the Contingent Reserve for this appropriation of \$13,500; the current balance is \$921,187. There is no impact on the tax levy or State Expenditure Restraint Program eligibility limits.

### **Title**

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE - Appropriating \$13,500 from the Contingent Reserve to provide one-time funding in an amount equivalent to one (1) month salary and benefits for the three full-time administrative staff at the Catholic Multicultural Center.

~~A Resolution indicating both the City of Madison's concern about the recent closure of the Catholic Multicultural Center and its interest in participating in the collaborative efforts with various parishes, religious organizations, social service providers and community groups to re-open the center and continue the related programs and services~~

### **Body**

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2009, the Diocese of Madison announced the closing of the Catholic Multicultural Center to be effective on May 29, 2009, immediately resulting in a collaborative effort to reopen the center involving a broad range of community groups, social service providers, religious organizations and Catholic parishes, along with representatives from the City of Madison; and

WHEREAS, the following week, the Diocese announced that Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, under the leadership of Monsignor Kenneth Fiedler, would be given responsibility for the Center and marshalling efforts to reopen it; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Multicultural Center provides for basic needs for members of the community such as a free meal program, food pantry and health services; and

WHEREAS, the Center provides educational services to members of the community such as English as a Second Language (ESL) courses, basic computer courses and homework and tutoring services; and,

WHEREAS, the Center provides an environment where members of different backgrounds and faith communities could come together in service in a welcoming environment; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison wishes to collaborate with other groups in order to expedite the reopening of the Center and allow it to resume providing needed community services as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2009, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish released a statement announcing that the Catholic Multicultural Center will begin reopening on August 3, 2009; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Madison Common Council will designate one-time funding in the amount equivalent to one (1) month's salary and benefits for the three full-time administrative staff at the Catholic Multicultural Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$13,500 be appropriated from the Contingent Reserve to Miscellaneous Appropriations for the Catholic Multicultural Center **and the funds are not to be used for religious proselytizing.**